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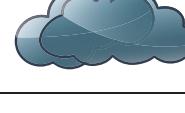
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Bling bling  
See where you can purchase some antique jewelry to benefit the senior center.

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Fooled  
Read a letter to the editor from a reader who thought our April 1. paper was real.

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Row your boat  
Check out the Sports' page see how the rowing team performed in San Diego.

## WILD THINGS



Candi Hironaka, senior associate director for student, alumni and community relations, reads "Where the Wild Things Are" to a group of children Monday night in the Leadership Studies Building.

### Local celebrities read to kids in Mortar Board event

'Little Wildcats' get excited about reading, pick out books

Austin Enns  
coverage editor

Kids ran around the room, madly shrieking with joy, shouting incomprehensible nothings to their parents who watched the chaos with chuckling college students. On the command of one of the adult sponsors, the kids ceased their play and joined their parents in a wild reading adventure that would span four different rooms in the Leadership Studies building, each room containing a different local celebrity. In the first annual Little Wildcats Wild About Reading event, the 45 families broke into four different groups and listened as they were read to from different children's stories.

Frank Martin might be a terrifying force on the side of a basketball

court, but in a room filled with attentive children, his booming voice is laced with warmth as he reads about the tickle monster. His wife, Anya, quietly sneaks around the room in her furry gloves with her finger sticking out, ready to tickle at cues from her gruff husband.

Every child was given a passport, or a couple of pages stapled together that had pictures of the various books on the front, and after being read to in each room, the children had their passport stamped by one of the Mortar Board members. After all the pages in the children's passports were stamped, each child was given a free book donated by the Public Broadcasting System. They also wore nametags so the readers would be able to interact with the children.

All of the readers read a little bit differently, and Noel Schulz, professor in electrical and chemical engineering, did not have a reading partner, so in her book, "My Wild



Andrew Nelson, instructor in journalism and mass communications, and his 3-year-old son, Gus, pick out a book to take home after attending Wild About Reading in the Leadership Studies building. The books were donated by PBS.

Sister," she asked the kids to jump up and down like the children in the story.

"You know what, now we're going to romp and stomp till the whole building shakes," Schulz said.

The kids jumped excitedly up and down in response, and later they listened in apprehension when they heard the main character's sister would not play with her anymore.

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### RecycleMania reveals K-State's recycling strengths

Drop in recycling over spring break indicates high student participation

Sam Diederich  
news editor

RecycleMania, a seven-week international recycling competition, came to a close last week, and though final totals and standings have yet to be released, K-State might have discovered something more valuable than its final position in the competition.

With students away from the university on spring break, K-State's recycling rate plummeted from above 16 percent to 8 percent.

John Woods, director of facilities services, said the drop in the recycling rate is a good indicator of student participation.

"That would be a very positive thing," Woods said. "Students are contributing a lot to the recycling on campus, more so than I anticipated."

The drop in the recycling rate may also be a result of construction and clean-up projects being finished by the university's custodial staff. With students out on break, most grounds and facilities crews had an opportunity to work on projects without interference from student traffic, Woods said.

"Open house is coming fairly quickly, and custodians do a lot of work to help make things look nice, so when



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Lisle Alderton | Collegian

Elizabeth Wray, senior in dietetics, works in the front lines of the RecycleMania table for processing at the K-State Recycling Center where she is employed by facilities to carry out operations associated with the collection, sorting and management of K-State's recyclables.

open house is coming, they do a lot of different projects," Woods said. "It could be that our custodians were working on other projects and didn't collect as much recycling."

Though K-State's recycling rate fell with students off campus, the total trash collected remained near its seven-week average. Woods

said the unchanged waste totals causes some concern that some K-State community members still do not recycle despite university efforts to make recycling more accessible.

"Unless you have a lot of people that understand what they contribute makes a difference, nobody is going to

contribute much more during that time period," Woods said. "We had hopes that they would start recycling. Those that already contribute don't have anymore to contribute."

Despite the drop in the recycling rate, K-State remained ahead of the University of Kansas in the week six standings. Beating out

an inter-state competitor is a nice start, Woods said, but the competition's purpose of raising campus recycling rates is the desired end goal.

"Students do contribute a lot and their efforts are certainly valuable in the recycling on campus, but we need more people to start recycling," Woods said.

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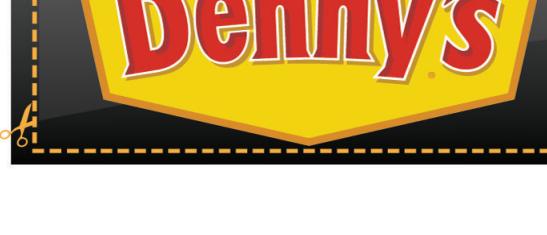
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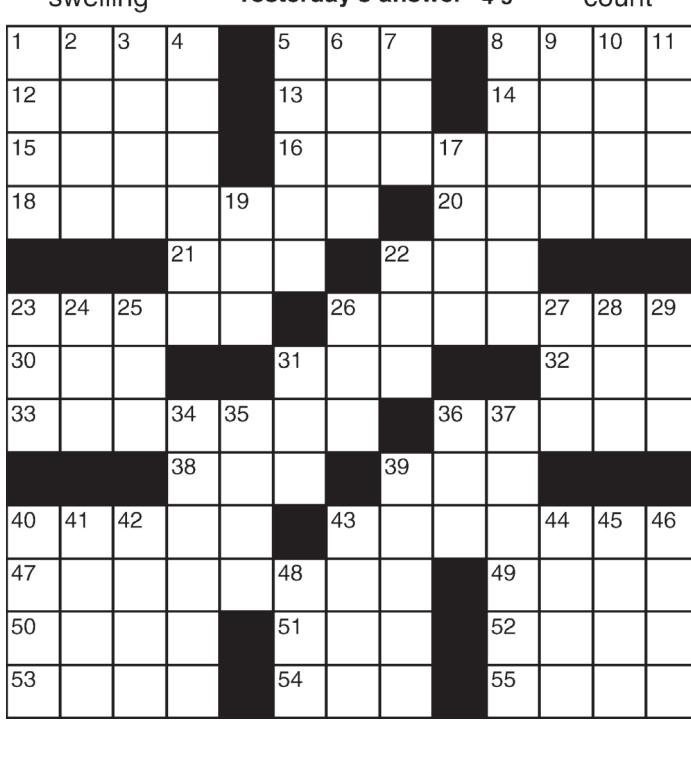
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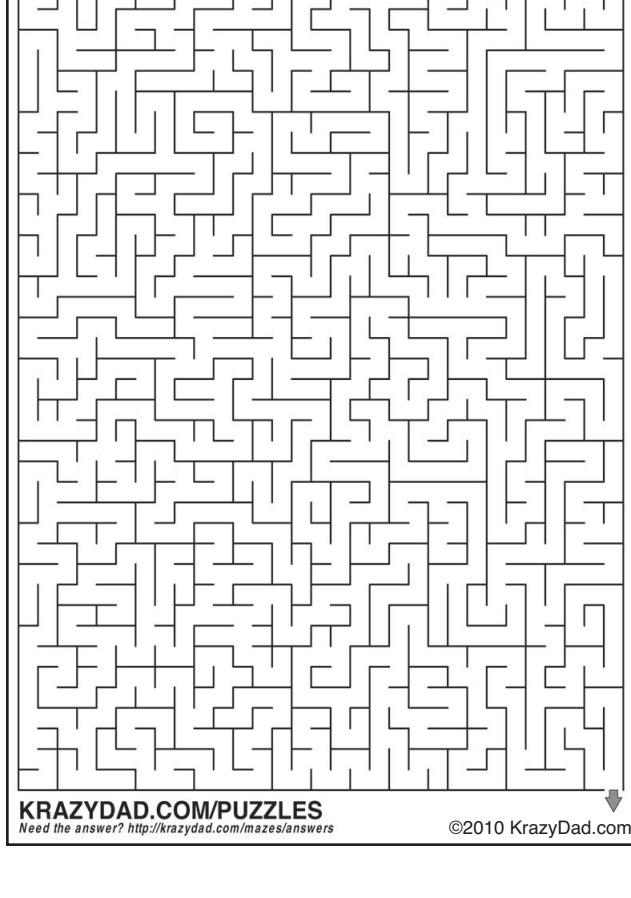
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A PERSON IS QUITE MINDFUL OF USING COUPONS, COULD YOU SAY THAT HE HAS REDEEMING QUALITIES?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals T

### CITY COMMISSION

## City considers Fire House No. 3, new sewer jet

**City Administration plans to replace fire station, aging sewage equipment**

**Danny Davis**

staff writer

The Manhattan City Commission is holding the second reading of a proposed ordinance that would authorize the building of Fire House No. 3. This fire station would replace the station currently located at 3131 Anderson Ave.

The proposed building would be 9,250 square feet and have two bays. Living quarters in the station would support seven personnel, although only four are expected to occupy the station per shift.

With the station, off-street parking, landscaping and lighting are all included in the ordinance.

According to the ordinance, the location has been mapped for 600 feet northeast of the intersection of Seth Child Road and Amherst Avenue, along the south side of Amherst Avenue at 2727 Amherst Avenue.

Another item on the agenda, if passed, will authorize City Administration to purchase a 2011 truck-mounted sewer jet.

A sewer jet is a device used to clean out sewers and features a flexible hose on one end. The new unit would replace a current, aging unit which was purchased in 1991.

According to the ordinance, the current unit has been used on a day-to-day basis to flush out backed up sewer and storm water lines.

A truck-mounted unit will be more mobile and will carry more length of hose when compared to the current trailer-mounted unit.

The administration recommends that the commission accept a \$159,350 bid from Key Equipment and Supply Co., of Kansas City, Kan.

City Administration also has an ordinance for purchasing a 2011 storm drain and sewer vacuum machine.

A 2011 unit would replace Unit No. 530, a 1998 trailer-mounted vacuum machine.

The only bid that was received came from Vermeer, of Olathe. Vermeer's bid of \$74,495 came in \$505 below the city's budget of \$75,000.

Commissioners are holding the meeting at 7 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall. Any interested persons are invited to attend.

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## Students hold jewelry sale to raise money for senior center



**Social work class hopes to raise over \$1,500 this week with sale, raffle**

Austin Enns  
coverage editor

There are many booths in the K-State Student Union every week, and their contents are as varied as their designs. On any given week, people could be offering leases to apartments, the potential to study abroad or even the chance to help a fellow human being. This week, the Social Work Practice 3 class is selling jewelry and raffle tickets to help out the Riley County Senior Service Center.

Heather Zarger, who is in associate professor Jacque Gibbons' Practice 3 class, said the project is in its third year and members in her group decided to continue it.

"The past two semesters, social work students have picked this project up for one of their classes, and this year we did the same," said Zarger, who is a senior in social work. "The donations are such a great thing for them that we want to keep it going every semester."

The class raised \$1,500 last year, and this year they are hoping to match that amount or even exceed it. They are selling vintage jewelry, gloves, scarves, purses and potato bags.

To attract more donations, this year's class is planning a raffle, with prizes ranging from a K-State watch valued at \$115, to a 50-wing party at

Buffalo Wild Wings, to a bowling party in the Union.

"This is what we did different this year," Zarger said. "We thought it'd be cool to get businesses involved and it's a larger population because it's not just girls' jewelry."

Zarger is working on the project with three other classmates, Karen Cypressi, Tanya Baruth and Sage Jones, all of whom are seniors in social work. They will be in the Union on Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cassie Ost, senior in social work, is another member of the Practice 3 class, but her group is doing a different assignment.

"We're having a mall scavenger hunt at the end of the semester so they have a chance to network and have a trip to the mall," Ost said. "Transportation's an issue for some of the international students."

Ost said she was glad she had the chance to stop by the table.

"I really like vintage jewelry, I like to accessorize and I'm here to support my classmates," Ost said.

Marge Holderman, representative of the service center, described the center as a place where seniors could play cards and take part in exercise classes. She also said there is a volunteer shop.

Holderman said she was glad she got the chance to help raise donations for the center.

"I love to do it, it draws money into the senior center," Holderman said. "This year, they want to buy a beverage counter."



Jennifer Heeke | Collegian

**Top:** Marge Holderman, Manhattan resident, packages jewelry in plastic bags to sell in the K-State Student Union on Monday afternoon.

**Left:** Karen Cypressi, senior in social work, sorts through scarves to hang up in the K-State Student Union on Monday afternoon during a jewelry sale benefiting the Riley County Senior Service Center.

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Do you recycle?  
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"Yes, does recycling girls count?"

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"Dance moves."

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"I do recycle - newspapers and aluminum cans. I do most of my recycling in the Leadership Building."

**Grant Goodack**  
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"I don't really recycle, but I use to."

**Noelle Remy**  
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"I recycle cans when I think about it."

**Emily Berger**  
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"I do recycle - plastic bottles, newspapers mostly."

**Tyrone Williams**  
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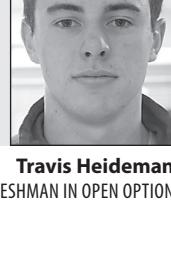
"Yes, I recycle beer bottles."

**Schuyler Brown**  
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"Giant amounts of Gatorade bottles. Jardine doesn't have recycling near me, so I take it to the dorms."

**Phil Gomez**  
SOPHOMORE IN AMERICAN ETHNIC STUDIES



"I recycle the Collegian when Beth Mendenhall isn't in it. If she is, I trash it."

**Travis Heideman**  
FRESHMAN IN OPEN OPTION

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# TOUGH CROWD

Bronx Zoo Cobra tweets highlight need to laugh



**Joshua Madden**

Many of you are probably familiar with Rebecca Black and her song "Friday." The music video, which became a viral hit overnight, is currently sitting at more than 80 million hits on YouTube and the general consensus is it's so bad that it's worth watching, much like a film out of the "Troll" series or clips from the film "The Room."

Twitter is partially responsible for Black's success, with everyone from Funny or Die to a fake Bill Clinton account jumping in to share their thoughts about the song. Another recent phenomenon that Twitter has helped to spawn is the intense coverage of the Bronx Zoo cobra. This cobra had escaped from the Bronx Zoo and, while it was believed not to be a threat to the general public, the cobra itself was dangerous and so people needed to be on the alert.

Enter stage left: a comedian created the Twitter account "Bronx-ZooCobra" to post comedic tweets about the cobra's adventures through New York City. Posts were usually jokes about New York City culture, like the post from March 31 about Yankee stadium: "If you see a bag of peanuts inexplicably moving along the ground at Yankee Stadium today. Just ignore it. It's probably nothing."

The cobra was eventually captured — in an area that was not open to the public, so the danger of the cobra's escape was likely very minimal — but the posts have continued. The cobra-comedian still tweets somewhat regularly, like this post from April 2: "A lot of you are asking for details of my capture. Basically I was caught between the moon and New York City. #snakeinthezoo"

The popularity of the account — more than 235,000 followers as of Sunday and climbing — and the amount of coverage it has had in the media certainly raises some questions about our values as a society. Let's be honest here, when the global community isn't doing so well right now, why is it that we care about something as small as a loose cobra? We live in a world where the United States is now militarily active in three countries in the Middle East while also



illustration by Yosuke michishita

maintaining a significant presence on the Korean peninsula. We live in a world where there's rampant instability in heavy oil producing countries like Egypt, Venezuela and Iran. We live in a world where Japan is in shambles because of one of the worst natural disasters in recent memory.

We also evidently live in a world where a cobra escaping from the Bronx Zoo can still get pretty significant coverage in the media. Is that a bad thing? Absolutely not. The posts, which are genuinely funny, serve as a welcome reprieve from how poorly other things are going. I'm hardly advocating that we all bury our heads in sand and ignore the problems of others, but there's nothing wrong with taking a break once in a while to laugh and enjoy the sillier side of current events.

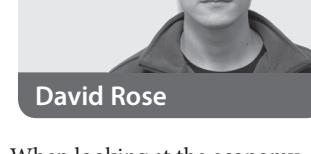
And what could possibly be a better topic to find enjoyment in than the escape of a cobra within a contained facility? No one was hurt and there was almost no potential for anyone even to be harmed, so it's unlikely that anyone should be offended by making jokes about a zoo animal's adventures through New York City. If you're offended by a post like this March 31 tweet — "Got a bagel at H & H Bagels on upper west side. When I ordered I said, 'I'll have the snakes on a PLAIN.' He did not laugh. Tough crowd." — then you probably need to lighten up a little bit. If you don't laugh, evidently you're just another member of the tough crowd.

In a world where we all need to step back just to catch our breath, it's nice to see people finding something to laugh at. The fact that it's something as simple as a cobra escaping from a zoo seems like the perfect topic. And it may not be over anytime soon. On March 29, Bronx Zoo Cobra posted a plan for the future: "According to the rules of Twitter, I think I'm supposed to announce a multi-city comedy tour now. Right @ConanOBrien & @CharlieSheen?"

I'll buy a ticket. It might even be better than watching "Friday" again.

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## Economic divide between rich and poor Americans made worse by Republicans



**David Rose**

When looking at the economy, there's good news and there's bad news. The good news: America appears to be making a gradual recovery from the 2008 recession. The bad news: the poor are struggling to get by while the rich continue to soar. The worse news: the Republicans in Congress intend to keep it that way.

On April 1, the Economist reported on the good news, explaining that the private sector has added hundreds of thousands of jobs over the past few months, pushing unemployment down to 8.8 percent. At the same time, gross domestic product continues to grow at a slow but encouraging rate between 2 percent and 3 percent. Efforts to stabilize the economy seem to be working and many expect to see these numbers to continue on their current path.

At the same time, those newly-created jobs are hardly enough to help the poorest Americans struggling to make ends meet. A report from the organization Wider Opportunities for Women, also on April 1, concluded the average single worker needs a bit more than \$30,000 per year to meet basic needs. That's nearly twice the minimum wage. And, according to WOW, a single parent is even worse off, needing almost \$58,000 per year to take care of two children.

Finding jobs that pay enough to meet those minimums is becoming more and more difficult. The aforementioned Economist article goes on to state that wages have remained relatively flat over the past year while inflation pushes prices of basic goods even higher. As long as this trend continues, American workers will continue to struggle.

Meanwhile, executives on Wall Street saw huge raises in 2010, many of them coming close to pre-recession levels. In an April 2 article titled "CEO

pay soars while workers' pay stalls," USA Today looked at compensation for top executives and found that their pay rose 27 percent over the last year. Contrast that with the meager 2.1 percent increase in pay that the rest of America saw during the same period.

These CEOs and other top executives are raking in millions, some even billions, in bonuses and other forms of compensation and those numbers are going to continue to rise. What's worse, many of the companies shelling out big bucks for their top executives only saw profits rise because of huge cuts and layoffs, according to the USA Today article. So good job Wall Street, you've managed to save yourself by screwing the rest of us, yet again.

But as the gap between the rich and poor grows, Republicans in Congress, backed by the Tea Party, plan to cut funding to programs that help the poor while simultaneously easing the very financial regulations that limit Wall Street from repeating what happened in 2008.

A CNN.com article from April 2 said that the upcoming Republican budget proposal could cut Medicaid, which helps bring health care to the poorest Americans, by up to \$1 trillion. Thus, the cost of health care would get pushed onto the already struggling workers. That same budget proposal will also cut taxes for corporations and make permanent the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans.

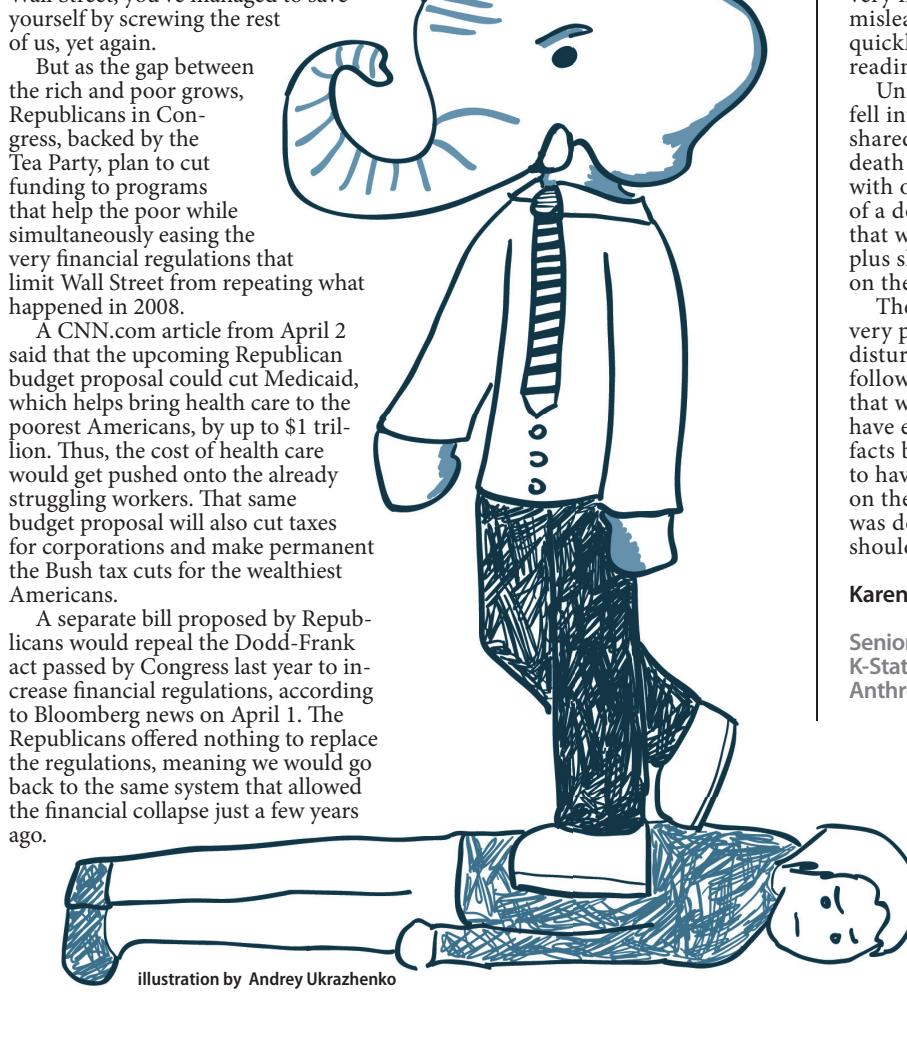
A separate bill proposed by Republicans would repeal the Dodd-Frank act passed by Congress last year to increase financial regulations, according to Bloomberg news on April 1. The Republicans offered nothing to replace the regulations, meaning we would go back to the same system that allowed the financial collapse just a few years ago.

Meanwhile, executives on Wall Street saw huge raises in 2010, many of them coming close to pre-recession levels. In an April 2 article titled "CEO

Such idiotic plans to help the rich and hurt the poor will not serve America well in the future, and I can only hope that Democrats can find the fortitude to defeat these proposals.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Collegian April Fools' articles misleading, tasteless

The April Fools' Day Edition of the Kansas State Collegian was very inappropriate. It was very misleading for those of us who quickly scan the headlines before reading the article.

Unfortunately, I was one who fell into the April Fools' trap and shared the information about the death of a student to tainted tofu with others. In fact, it was sort of a downer kind of day to know that we had lost another student, plus showing the picture of her on the front page.

These articles were done in very poor taste and it was very disturbing to read the headlines followed by reading the articles that were completely untrue. We have enough trouble with true facts being exposed and then to have a whole page of "lies" on the front of the Collegian was definitely uncalled for and should never be done again.

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# FASTER STROKES



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K-State's 1st Varsity 8 boat sprints to the finish in front of the crowd during the Sunflower Showdown last October. The crew beat Stanford, last year's national champion, on their way to placing third in the Collegiate Women's SeaWorld Cal Cup at the San Diego Crew Classic.

## After long winter, Wildcats place third in San Diego

**Sean Frye**  
junior staff writer

The K-State rowing team has been training on the water for a little less than a month. In that short amount of time, the Wildcats have made strides resulting in the top boat, which earned them third place in the SeaWorld Cal Cup at the San Diego Crew Classic.

"The 1st Varsity posted the fastest time of the three heats, beating the Stanford lightweights who were national champions last year," said head coach Patrick Sweeney in a [kstatesports.com](#) press release. "With Tulsa and Alabama winning

their respective heats in similar times, it was evident that the last race would come down to a narrow margin."

With their victory in the preliminary heats on Saturday, the Wildcats earned a spot in Sunday's Grand Final. In their final race of the event, they finished in third, 2.49 seconds behind first-place Alabama. Tulsa took second place in the SeaWorld Cal Cup just ahead of the Wildcats. Despite not winning the event, Sweeney said the crew made strides.

"It is obvious that all the boats have increased in speed over the last two weeks since racing in Texas,"

Sweeney said in the release.

The Wildcats came close to having two of the three boats qualify for the Grand Final. The Novice 8 boat was edged out by Stanford in the last 200 meters of their preliminary heat, preventing them from moving on to the Grand Final of the Laurel V. Korholz Perpetual Trophy.

On Sunday, the freshman crew went on to win the Petite Final over Southern California by nearly 2.5 seconds.

The 2nd Varsity 8 crew raced twice on Saturday, finishing fifth in their preliminary heat and placing second in the C Final of the Jackie Ann Stitt Hungness

Trophy. According to the press release, Sweeney was impressed with how the boat raced, but indicated that he might make some seat adjustments to make the boat more competitive.

One of Sweeney's goals going into the event was to increase the number of strokes taken by a boat per minute. The team was able to make improvements over its performance at the Longhorn Invitational two weeks ago.

The biggest obstacle the rowers have had to overcome since starting their spring season was the fact that they had far less training time on the water. Many

teams live in warm-weather climates and are able to work on their technique year-round. The Wildcats are constricted to land training all winter, and were even forced on land for a few days last week because there was snow on the ground.

"In all my years of coaching here, there's never been snow after spring break," Sweeney said.

Following their impressive performance in San Diego, the rowing squad has two weeks off competition before heading to the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association event in Oak Ridge, Tenn., a two-day event that begins April 16.

## Daniel Thomas dealing with NFL Lockout



Sean Frye

It's day 25 of the National Football League's lockout between the owners and the NFL Players Association. The many causes and effects of this lockout affect a wide variety of people — the fans, players, owners, coaches and media.

The people that are hung out to dry the most are this year's class of NFL rookies that are preparing for the NFL Draft, which starts on April 28. K-State's Daniel Thomas is just one of the many rookies who will likely be drafted in the NFL this year, but will not be allowed to have any contact with his new team until a new collective bargaining agreement is reached.

For those who are unaware or unsure as to what exactly the NFL lockout is, it's ultimately about money. Under the old collective bargaining agreement, the owners received a \$1 billion credit and 40 percent of the remaining \$9 billion the NFL generates annually. The owners opted out of that deal two years early because they claim operating costs have increased. They are requesting a \$2 billion credit and a higher cut of the remaining revenue.

There are other issues, such as how to implement a rookie wage scale to avoid overpaying draft busts and whether or not to increase the number of regular season games, but the general consensus is that those issues can easily be negotiated and figured out. The percentage of the money both sides receive is the issue preventing them from agreeing to a new deal.

The NFL owners have locked out the players from their facilities. Teams are not allowed to hold any sort of official off-season workouts. Tampa Bay starting quarterback Josh Freeman, a K-State alumnus and former standout, has made headlines due to his efforts to organize workouts and film sessions amongst his teammates without coaches being there. The rookies that will be drafted will most likely join their teams, but there are obvious drawbacks to those workouts, as rookies ultimately need their coaches to be there to help them get adjusted.

For now, it's a guessing game for all of the rookies. If the NFL gets a new collective bargaining agreement before the draft, the lockout will have virtually no effect on the new class of players. That is not expected to happen, so all Thomas and those in his position can do is wait.

Many players at the college level that were expected to be drafted, most notably Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck, decided to return for their senior year. Very few came out and explicitly said it was due to concerns with the lockout, but you have to imagine it factored into many of their decisions. The graduating seniors like Thomas, though, don't have the luxury of having a guaranteed team to play for next year. This is a situation that Thomas and his representation have almost no say on when it comes to solving it. All he can do is hope.

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## Wildcats follow loss to Nebraska with win over Iowa

**Danny Davis**  
senior staff writer

The K-State's women's tennis team took on its fifth ranked team in a row and suffered its fourth loss of the spring on Friday at the Wamego Recreational Complex. Two days later, the Wildcats rebounded with a win over Iowa State in Ames, Iowa.

On Friday, the Wildcats, then No. 31, fell a point short of holding off the then-No. 41 Nebraska Cornhuskers, losing 4-3. The Wildcats began in a 3-1 hole after losing every doubles match.

No. 43 freshman Petra Niedermayerova was defeated at the No. 1 singles position by Madeline Geibert. The loss was only Niedermayerova's third of the spring.

After losing the first set 0-6, she came back to win the second set, 7-5. Geibert, though, defeated her in the third set, 6-4.

K-State found only one singles victory in the top half. That victory came early in the day from sophomore Karla Bonacic. Bonacic is 12-1 at the No. 3 singles position.

Junior Nina Sertic ended her three-match singles losing skid, defeating the Cornhuskers' Frederike Puttoff 6-4, 7-5. It was Sertic's first win since her victory against Baylor on March 18.

In a strong turnaround from the Nebraska match, on Sunday, the Wildcats won two

of the three doubles matches against the Iowa State Cyclones to secure the doubles point.

Sertic and Niedermayerova clinched the doubles point in an 8-6 match after the doubles tally was tied at 1 between the two teams. With the doubles point, K-State secured a victory over the Cyclones. This season, the Wildcats have been undefeated when they win the doubles point, boasting a 10-0 record.

Niedermayerova played with her normal tenacity, defeating Erin Karonis 6-1, 6-2. Her victory was the first of four singles wins for the Wildcats across the board. With the win, Niedermayerova improved her freshman career record to 18-4 and her spring record to 13-3.

Bonacic battled through a first-set tiebreaker for a win over the Cyclones' Tessa Lang 7-6, 6-1. She leads the Wildcats in singles wins for the spring with a 13-1 mark. She is 11-1 when playing at the third lineup position.

The Wildcats will play their final home matches this weekend against Colorado on Friday and Missouri on Sunday. Prior to the match, they will hold a ceremony to honor senior Antea Huljev.

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**Nina Sertic**, junior, returns the tennis ball against Tulsa on Feb. 20 at Body First Tennis and Fitness Center in Manhattan.



## K-State falls in close match to Baylor, finishes fourth at Big 12 Championships

**Paul Harris**  
senior staff writer

The seventh-ranked K-State equestrian team was unable to improve on its Big 12 Conference finish from last season. The team fell to fifth-ranked Baylor, 9-6.

K-State's western squad went toe-to-toe with Baylor, but the Bears edged out the Wildcats by a point.

Senior rider Alicia Zimbelman ended her Big 12 career on a high note. She picked up her second win of the season in as many days. For her efforts, Zimbelman was named Most Valuable Player of her match.

Zimbelman was ecstatic about ending her Big 12 Conference career on a winning streak.

According to [kstatesports.com](#), Zimbelman said, "I was very excited and honored to get MVP today, and it was a great way to end my last Big 12 experience."

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**Alicia Zimbelman**  
Senior rider

Zimbelman added that she hopes to continue this momentum to next week's nationals.

Freshman Rachel Wetherell had a strong weekend as well. She defeated her Baylor opponent in a tight match, 149-147.5.

K-State's Hunter Seat team jumped out quickly on the Bears, but Baylor bounced back and outscored the Wildcats 5-1 the rest of the way.

Junior Stephanie Patterson secured the only Wildcat point in

Equitation on the Flat. Patterson beat Baylor's Taylor Brown by 13 points.

According to [kstatesports.com](#), head coach Casie Lisabeth feels good about the team's weekend performance.

"We need to go home and clean a few things up for Nationals but I was really happy with the progress we made from Day 1 to Day 2 at this competition," she said.

K-State will travel to Waco, Texas, next to compete in the 2011 Varsity Equestrian National Championship.

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**Catherine Avoles** jumps a fence at Timber Creek Stables during K-State's March 12 meet against New Mexico State.



## READING | Coach, athletes enjoy giving back to kids, community

**Continued from page 1**

Candice Hironaka, adviser to Mortar Board and senior associate director of the school of leadership studies, used a group of college students to help act out "Where the Wild Things Are."

One of the students pretended to be the little boy, and the other three pretended to be the Wild Things. When Hironaka got to the rumpus scene, the students and the children started rumpusing together about the room.

Shalin Spani and Jalana

Childs, two members of the women's basketball team, read "Annie and the Wild Animals" as a duo, with Spani taking the descriptive parts and Childs taking the talking parts.

A child interrupted the pair to tell them he had a bear.

"Oh, it's a stuffed animal," said Spani, senior in public relations and mass communications.

"Thank goodness."

Spani said she and her teammate were glad to have the chance to read the children's story.

"It was kind of a last minute thing," Spani said. "One of our coaches texted us last week and we said 'sure'! We love doing this kind of thing in the community."

Abram Farley, one of the children attending the event, said his favorite part of the event was "the tickle monster cause he tickled everyone."

Lori Farley, mother of Abram, said her son was excited to meet Clifford the Big Red Dog.

"He had his picture taken with him," Farley said. "He was excited about it all day."



photos by Anthony Drath | Collegian

**Shalin Spani** (right), senior guard and **Jalana Childs** (left), junior forward of the women's basketball team, gives back a stamp book Monday night at the Wild About Reading event in the Leadership Studies Building.



**Jessica Rodriguez**, senior in food science and industry, tickles 4-year-old **Jeanette Van Pelt** during a reading of "Where the Wild Things Are," Monday night in the Leadership Studies building. Members of Mortar Board helped put on Wild About Reading.



**Solon Xia**, 2 years old, looks at his stamp book with his mother Monday night at Wild About Reading in the Leadership Studies Building. Children needed to get four stamps by going to different readings to receive a book donated by PBS.



K-State men's basketball head coach **Frank Martin** talks with local children about the book "Tickle Monster" after reading it to them Monday night.

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## K-State alumnus returns to speak about government transparency

**Reporter to present award-winning lecture on 'dumbing down the public'**

K-State Communications and Marketing

MANHATTAN -- Tim Carpenter, a Topeka Capital-Journal reporter covering state and federal government and politics, is the 2011 Bill Brown Master Editor at Kansas State University's A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Carpenter will spend Wednesday, April 6, at the school meeting with students and faculty members. He also will present the 2011 Bill Brown Master Editor Lecture, "Dumbing Down the Public: The Danger of Diminished Resources to Cover Government" at 1:30 p.m. in the Big 12 Room of the K-State Student Union. The lecture is free and the public is invited.

Carpenter develops and produces investigative and enterprise reporting projects and has covered the Kansas Legislature since 2005.

From 1988 to 2004, he was a Lawrence Journal-World reporter. While there, he provided intense coverage of education and other beats.

He was a desk reporter, Topeka bureau, for United Press International from 1986 to 1988.

Carpenter received his bachelor's in journalism and mass communications and agricultural communications from K-State in 1986.

He won the 2010 Morris Prize, the Morris Communication newspaper chain's top employee award, based on a body of work over a number of years; the 2009 first-place award in community journalism for a Kansas Board of Healing Arts series; several Victor Murdoch awards for enterprise reporting from the Kansas Press Association; and 2007 and 2008 Journalist of the Year awards from the Kansas City Press Club.

The Bill Brown Master Editor program was endowed in 1990 with a gift from Tom Carlin, general manager of Ag Press in Manhattan and a 1972 K-State journalism and mass communications graduate, to honor Brown's service to K-

State's journalism program. Brown, a 1949 Journalism graduate, served on K-State's journalism and mass communications faculty from 1970 to 1985. Brown was the inaugural recipient of the Master Editor honor in 1991.

Previous Bill Brown Master Editor recipients include Matt Mansfield, San Jose Mercury News, 2002; Jim Bell, Los Angeles Times, 2001; Scott Kraft, Los Angeles Times, 1998; Pat Stith, a Pulitzer Prize winner, The (Raleigh) News & Observer, 1997; Bruce Buchanan, Harris Enterprises, 1996; Bob Shafer, Minneapolis Star Tribune Online, 1995; Phil Meyer, Knight Professor at the University of North Carolina, 1994; Alice Sky, Wichita Eagle, 1993; and Howard Kessinger, Marysville Advocate, 1992. All but Stith and Mansfield are K-State journalism graduates.

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## BUFFETT | K-State builds brand

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suggested that going to a good university helps students secure gainful employment right out of college.

"You know, like MIT, Stanford or K-State," Buffett said.

The experience is about more than learning from a business great, Hendrix said. The trip helps to build the K-State brand.

"People have talked about building the K-State brand. There are lots of different ways that their reputation can be changed," Hendrix said. "This is one tactic students can use to enhance the K-State brand name."

Landau said the experience of speaking with a successful business executive adds value to his classroom education.

"My visit would not have been as meaningful had it not been for my class time at K-State, but I think my class time is more meaningful having gone on that trip," Landau said. "It connects the classroom to the real world."

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**"This is one tactic students can use to enhance the K-State brand name."**

**Scott Hendrix**  
Instructor of finance

day gifts to a billionaire has anything to do with K-State getting an annual meeting with Buffett, Landau hopes the university will continue

the tradition. "I think it's pretty cool K-State gets to do this. I know not everyone gets to and I think that's one thing that makes us awesome compared to everyone else," Landau said. "We have a great faculty here. I think it's their understanding that education is more than just going over concepts in a book. These kinds of things are just as important in creating an edge for people that graduate from K-State."

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